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Clause (*b*).—

Statement showing the number of houses and amount allotted to other districts during 1961–62.

Name of district.	Number of houses.	Amount of subsidy.
		RS.
Chingleput	58	43,500
North Arcot	58	43,500
South Arcot	44	33,000
Salem	44	33,000
Coimbatore	88	66,000
Thanjavur	58	43,000
Tiruchirappalli	58	43.500
Ramanathapuram	73	54,750
Madurai..	73	54,750
Tirunelveli	58	43,500
Nilgiris	25	18,750

Clause (*c*).—

During the Second Five Year Plan period, the allotment for construction of houses for Scheduled Castes was supplement by additional provision offered by the Government of India under the Centrally Sponsored Programme. Such special allocation is not available from the Central Government for the purpose during the Third Plan period. Further, the cost of construction of houses has been enhanced during the current year from Rs. 750 to Rs. 1,000 per house thereby resulting in increased subsidy of Rs. 750 per house. Hence there has been a corresponding reduction in allotment of houses from 1961–62 onwards.

As the district-wise allotment of provision to a certain extent is related to the population of Harijans in a particular district, Kanyakumari district received a lesser allotment when compared to other districts.

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APPENDIX IV

[Vide answer to starred question No. 2377 asked, by Sri S. M. Annamalai on behalf of Sri M. P. Sarathi, at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 15th December 1961, page 968 supra.]

Recommendations 24 to 34 of the Estimates Committee for 1959–60 relate to the area irrigated by the Cauvery. A statement showing the action taken on these recommendations is placed on the Table of the House.

A. Recommendation of the Estimate committee for 1959-60.	*Action taken.*
24. The Committee recommends that immediate steps should be taken to construct a new shypon for taking the drainage water not only across Pullambadi Canal but also across Peruvalai channel, if necessary, so that it may not drain in Peruvalai channel or affect the health of the people in that locality.	The work of construction of well syphon across Peruvalai channel has been taken up and completed in all respects and functioning satisfactorily.

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A. Recommendation of the Estimate committee for 1959-60.	*Action taken.*
25. The Committee recommends that the surplus water from Manodai now being allowed to drain into Coleroon may be impounded in two or three small tanks and utilised to bring in additional area under cultivation.	The Manodai tank was allowed to surplus at 1'-6" below F.T.L. at the time of inspection of the Estimates Committee with a view to allow the banks to settle, as it is not desirable to store up to F.T.L. in the first few years. The supply to Manodai has been taken into account in designing the ayacut for the Pullambadi Canal and hence it is that across the Manodai, an eri has been constructed instead of continuing the Pullambadi Canal Course with syphon arrangements for Manodai. Thus there will be no spare or surplus water in Manodai which will get wasted or escape into the Coleroon river. As all the water in Manodai flows with Cauvery water into further course of Pullambadi Canal and on to the Andiodai tank, Vettagudi tank and Sukram Eri, the question of harnessing the surplus of Manodai as recommended by the Committee does not arise.
26. The Committee recommends that loss of water due to swepage and evaporation should be avoided and that it would be worth while to line the Pullambadi Canal with cement and also cover the canal from Upper Anicut to the point up to which there is no irrigation.	The Chief Engineer (Irrigation) has reported that the lining of the canae and covering it has not been resorted to in view of the heavy cost involved and the expenditure also will not be commensurate with the benefits. He has also reported that proposals for lining will be examined in detail, if necessary, after watching the loss due to percolation for one or two seasons. The matter is under the consideration of Government.
27. The Committee recommends that investigation regarding the construction of an anicut across Coleroon river near Tirumanur and to divert the surplus water into a big reservoir across Maruthayar near Kadambur village in Udayarpalayam taluk in Tiruchirapalli district or to two or more smaller reservoirs nearby should be expedited and the work taken up soon after the investigations are over.	The proposal of the Committee is the same as Marudayar Reservoir Scheme in Udayarpalayam taluk of Tiruchirapalli District which has been ordered to be taken up towards the end of the III Five-Year Plan Period or in the IV plan, if by that time more reliable data become available.
28. The Committee recommends that the canals and rivers of the Grand Anicut Canal system should be restored to original standards by clearing up the silt irrespective of the cost. 29. The Committee also recommends that if the clearance of silt at the Head Works of the Grand Anicut Canal will be prohibitive in cost, some other permanent or even temporary remedial measures should be taken to clear the silt either by shifting the Head works to the old Vennar Course or by some other means at the earliest possible moment.	The problem of preventing entry of silt into the Grand Anicut Canal has been under consideration for a long time and various proposals have been examined. Experiments are also under way in the Poondi Research Station for providing a permanent relief to the silting trouble in Grand Anicut Canal by shifting the off-take of the Grand Anicut Canal two miles upstream of the present location. A dividing wall of suitable length and top level has been constructed in front of the Grand Anicut Canal Head sluice during the closure period of 1960 and the results of the effect of this work

A. Recommeudation of the Estimate committee for 1959-60.	*Action taken*
	are being watched. As regards Cauvery channels silt is being cleared every year under annual maintenance. It is not possible to clear the silt from the river where silting and shoaling are a changing feature. Further under the proposed scheme of Modernising Thanjavur channels which is now under investigation the existing channels will be suitably regarded and put to proper working condition.
30. The Committee suggests that the Government may review the present position with regard to the provision of funds for maintenance of various irrigation systems taking into consideration the high cost of materials and labour and allot adequate funds every year, so that a few important irrigation systems in this State may be maintained properly to yield the maximum benefit.	The limits for maintenance expenditure in respect of various Irrigation systems have been fixed only to restrict free spending by local officers. However, in view of the high cost of materials and labour, the Government have already permitted the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) to spend three times the limits fixed for the maintenance of various Irrigation systems in this State. In certain cases, expenditure even over three times the limit is allowed based on the actual needs of the systems.
31. The Committee suggests that the formation of shoals in the middle of river courses should prevented by carrying out proper river training at regular intervals, so that the systems could be maintained in proper condition.	Formation of shoals in the middle of river courses is a natural phenomenon and cannot be helped. During very heavy floods the shoals will shift places. Immediately after the floods, they will be controlled by suitable regulation in order to maintain the Irrigation systems in proper condition.
32. The Committee understands that there was a scheme under investigation that jungle streams in the lower reches of the Cauvery-Mettur Project area in Pattukottai and Arantangi taluks could be harnessed by construction of anicuts or small dams at 20 places and water utlized for irrigation purposes. The Committee recommends that such schemes should be taken up as quickly as possible.	The proposals are under investigation and examination.
33. The Committee recommends that irrespective of the results of the Police enquiry, and breakage of shutters or regulators should be immediately attended to. The Government may also examine whether the Public Works Department officers should not be empowered to prosecute the offenders who break the shutters or regulators and compound the offences in the same way as the Forest Officers do in respect of theft of Forest produce.	The broken shutters or regulatore are repaired by the Public Works Department or Revenue Department under whose charge the channel or tank is, at the earliest possible time. The recommendation to vest the Public Works Department officers with powers to prosecute the offenders is under the consideration of Government.
34. The Committee also recommends that all sluices and shutters which are more than 4 inches thick may be provided with screw-type shutters.	The Chief Engineer (Irrigation) has reported that though a general change over may not be necessary, the suggestion of the Estimate Committees will be given effect to wherever possible